

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2014**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Felicia Marcus called the meeting to order on May 6, 2014 at 9:04 a.m. at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Felicia Marcus; Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber; Member Tam M. Doduc; Member Steven Moore; Member Dorene D'Adamo

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Tom Howard, Executive Director
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Caren Trgovcich, Chief Deputy Director
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
Courtney Davis, Executive Office

ANNOUNCEMENT

- *Evacuation information in case the fire alarm goes off during the meeting.*
- *The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.*

BOARD MEETING

Public comments on agenda items will be limited to 5 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the State Water Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda, or pending before the State Water Resources Control Board or any California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

No Action Taken

Commenters

Dennis Fox, General Public (spoke on EJ Funding on the local level)

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the April 1 & April 22, 2014, Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair Spivy-Weber moved to adopt the minutes of the April 1 & April 22, 2014 Board Meeting.

Seconded by: Member D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED: ([April 1, 2014](#)) ([April 22, 2014](#))

Aye: Chair Marcus
Vice Chair Spivy-Weber
Member Doduc
Member Moore
Member D'Adamo

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Board Member Report.

Board Member Moore

- Spoke about reconnecting Californians with water and each other at the annual Watershed Day at the Capitol hosted by the California Watershed Network.
- Spoke on a panel in Los Angeles called Keep it Flowing: Financing California's Water Future about improving groundwater oversight at the local level and paying for water in California.
- Spoke about drought and how it's affecting the North Coast communities at a conference called Your Voice, Your Future in Yreka held by the State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section.
 - Cris Carrigan spoke about the legal aspects of marijuana cultivation in the North Coast Region.
- Spoke about the general framework of wetlands regulations, both federal and state, and our proposed wetland policy at the California Wetlands Conference held by CLE International.

Board Member Doduc

- Attended a joint meeting with the Central Valley Regional Water Board and our staff about ongoing efforts to develop a statewide permit for discharges from drinking water systems and is very impressed with the Central Valley Water Board's work with stakeholders. The collaboration and efficiency between the State Water Board and the Central Valley Regional Water Board is very promising.

Vice Chair Spivy-Weber

- Spoke about groundwater at the Southern California Dialogue.
- Serves on an advisory committee for the California State University System where students and professors are doing an amazing amount of work on water.
- The Public Policy Institute of California, in which she serves on an advisory committee for, is being considered for a grant to establish a water center.

Board Member D'Adamo

- Along with Board Member Moore joined the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Geological Survey on a tour of a section of the Delta, focusing on Suisun Marsh.
- Spoke at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' Public Policy Forum which focused on recycled water, drought, and the Governor's Water Action Plan.
- Spoke to the California Cotton Ginners and Growers and Western Ag Processors Association primarily about drought, irrigated lands, and groundwater.
- Presented at the Almond Hullers and Processors Association annual meeting in Santa Barbara on drought, groundwater, and irrigated lands.
- Appeared before the California Women for Agriculture speaking on drought, groundwater, and irrigated lands.

Chair Felicia Marcus

- Spoke about the board's Groundwater Concept Paper at a conference in Ventura.
- Spoke on a panel at the Los Angeles Business Council's Sustainability Summit on water sustainability in the future.
- Tour of abandoned mine sites up in the Sierra with some proposals to figure out how to remediate drainage and sediments.

UNCONTESTED ITEM* (Item 3)

- *3 Consideration of a proposed Resolution [authorizing the Executive Director or designee to execute a two-year Interagency Agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for oversight of the Department of Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement Program facilities during the Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16 for an amount not to exceed \\$16 million.](#)

Motion: Member Doduc moved to adopt the proposed Resolution.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Spivy-Weber

MOTION CARRIED: ([Resolution No. 2014-0020](#))

Aye: Chair Marcus
Vice Chair Spivy-Weber
Member Doduc
Member Moore
Member D'Adamo

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. California's ongoing drought emergency.

No Action Taken

- *Amanda Montgomery with the Division of Water Rights made the presentation to the Board.*

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

5. The State Water Board will hold a [Public Workshop on the State Water Project and Central Valley Project Temporary Urgency Change Petition.](#)

No Action Taken

- *Diane Riddle & Karen Niiya with the Division of Water Rights and Dana Heinrich with the Office of Chief Counsel made the [presentation](#) to the Board.*
- *The following individuals made a [presentation](#) to the Board:*
- *John Leahigh, Department of Water Resources*
 - *Carl Wilcox, Department of Fish & Wildlife*
 - *Mike Chotkowski, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
 - *Garwin Yip, NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Services*
 - *Ron Milligan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*

Commenters

Senator Jim Nielsen, California State Senate

Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville

Jeff Short, Assemblymember Beth Gaine's Office

Marcus Yagutake, City of Folsom

Ryan Bezerra, Cities of Folsom, Roseville & San Juan Water District ([Presentation](#))

Kerri Howell, City of Folsom

Dennis Fox, General Public

Dante John Nomellini, Central Delta Water Agency

Paul Minasion, San Joaquin River Ex Contractors

Commenters (cont'd)

Patrick Porgans, Planetary Solutionaries

Doug Obegi, Natural Resource Defense Council ([Presentation](#))

Dean Ruiz, South Delta Water Agency

Chris Shutes, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Kim Delfino, Defenders of Wildlife & Central Valley Joint Venture

Russ Brown, General Public ([Presentation](#))

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. on May 1, 2014, and will not be accepted after that time.

Submittal of **electronic Powerpoint presentations** must be received by 12:00 p.m. on May 1, 2014 and will not be accepted after that time.

Submittals are to be sent via e-mail to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, "**5/6/14 BOARD MEETING (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**" If you have questions about the agenda, contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600.

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